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SUBJECT: OAU ASSISTANT SEC GEN FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
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REFERENCE: ADDIS ABABA 11312

1. FOLLOWING IS BIO DATA ON MR. ARTHUR ELPHAS OSANYA
NYYNEQUE AS REQUESTED REFTEL.
2. ARTHUR ELPHAS OSANYA NYYNEQUE LISTED 1 JANUARY 72
BY GOK AS UNDER SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AND TRADE
DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE HAS PARTICIPATED
IN A NUMBER OF CONFERENCES INVOLVING ECONOMIC AND COMMER-
CIAL MATTERS IN AFRICA (E.G., KENYA GOVT. TRADE MISSION TO
WEST AFRICA (1965), CENTRAL AFRICAN TRANSPORT AND TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE, KINSHASA (1967), OAU MINISTERIAL
COUNCIL, ADDIS ABABA (1971).
3. FOLLOWING DATA IS SUMMARIZED FROM ARTICLE IN EAST
AFRICAN STANDARD (NAIROBI) FEBRUARY 23, 1972 REGARDING
NYYNEQUE AS CHAIRMAN OF OAU ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR ALL-
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AFRICA TRADE FAIR...

BORN KISUMU NYNEQUE HAD HIS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION MASENO. FROM SCHOOL JOINED RAILWAYS AS A

SATISTICS CLEARER AT HEADQUARTERS NAIROBI. MOVED TO UGANDA 1951 TO STUDY CIVIL ENGINEERING. RETURNED NAIROBI 1956 ARMED WITH DIPLOMA IN THAT PROFESSION, JOINED MINISTRY OF WORKS AS CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSISTANT. AUGUST 1958 TRAVELLED U.S. FOR FURTHER STUDIES. FOR FINANCIAL REASONS HE HAD CHOSEN UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA, BUT ON ARRIVAL DISCOVERED THAT IT DID NOT OFFER ENGINEERING STUDIES. INSTEAD HE TURNED ATTENTION TO BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. FIRST DEGREE WAS BACHELOR'S IN FINANCE WHICH EARNED HIM DISTINCTION. MINOR SUBJECTS PHILOSOPHY AND GOVERNMENT. LATER AT GRADUATE SCHOOL SAME UNIVERSITY HE EARNED M.B.A.

UPON RETURN TO KENYA 1963, JOINED THE INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT AS TRAINEE ASSESSOR. "BUT THAT WAS ONLY AN EMERGENCY MEASURE," HE JOKES. STAYED FOR EIGHT MONTHS THEN JOINED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAY, 1964 AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY. SET UP THE MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC DIVISION FROM SCRATCH AND MANNED IT SINGLE-HANDEDLY FOR A LONG TIME. HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY IN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST ATTENDING ECONOMIC CONFERENCES AND SESSIONS OF BOTH OAU AND UN.

NYNEQUE POSTED TO NEW YORK 1968 AS COUNSELLOR AND HEAD OF CHANCELLERY KENYA'S UN MISSION. SERVED AS KENYA'S REPRESENTATIVE ON UN COMMITTEE ON SEA BED, ALSO DELEGATE TO SECOND (ECONOMIC) COMMITTEE UNGA. FOLLOWING YEAR, WHEN KENYAN AMBASSADOR COMPLETED HIS TOUR, NYNEQUE BECAME KENYA'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES UNTIL RETURN TO KENYA JUNE 1970.

NOVEMBER 1969 SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN GROUP AT UN, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUSHING LUSAKA MANIFESTO THROUGH UNGA. JANUARY 1970 BECAME KENYA'S REPRESENTATIVE ON UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

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SENTATIVE ON UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

FOR OAU, NYNEQUE DREW UP PRESENT SCALE OF ASSESSMENT OF MEMBER STATES. ALSO FORMULATED PRESENT SCHEME OF EMPLOYEE INSURANCE. . . .

4. FOR NAIROBI: REQUEST YOU FURNISH ADDIS AND DEPARTMENT ANY ADDITIONAL DATA AVAILABLE INCLUDING PERSONAL APPRAISAL

OF NYNEQUE IF HE KNOWN TO EMBASSY. RUSH

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